

**Proposed Amendment to Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An anti-microbial composition consisting essentially of:

(i) at least one ~~first~~ anti-microbial agent, wherein at least one of the anti-microbial agents has ~~having~~ a high surface tension of from 20 to 35 mN/m, and selected from the group consisting of (a) a quarternary ammonium compound having the general formula  $R^1R^2R^3R^4N^+X^-$ , in which one or two of the R groups are alkyl substituted by aryl or interrupted by aryl or a heteroatom and the other R groups are the same or different and are C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkyl groups, (b) a dialkyldimethylammonium compound wherein the two non-methyl alkyl groups are selected from medium and long chain alkyl groups comprising 8 or more carbon atoms, and (c) a benzalkonium halide or an aryl ring substituted benzalkonium halide,

(ii) at least one compound having a low surface tension of from 8 to 14 mN/m, and selected from the group consisting of silanes, soya lecithins, polydimethylsiloxanes, polydimethylhydroxysiloxanes, and mixtures thereof,

(iii) ~~optionally, at least one additional anti-microbial agent and~~

(iv) at least one polar solvent, wherein in use the anti-microbial composition acts substantially to reduce or control the formation of microbial colonies on or at a surface to which the composition is applied.

106. (currently amended) An anti-microbial composition containing as a solvent a polar solvent which is water, at least one alcohol, ~~at least one hydroxyl ester,~~ at least one glycol ester, at least one polyol, at least one ketone or a mixture thereof, and comprising:

(i) at least one first anti-microbial agent having a high surface tension of from 20 to 35 mN/m and selected from the group consisting of (a) a quarternary ammonium compound having the general formula  $R^1R^2R^3R^4N^+X^-$ , in which one or two of the R groups are alkyl substituted by aryl or interrupted by aryl or a heteroatom and the other R groups are the same or different and are C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkyl groups, (b) a

dialkyldimethylammonium compound wherein the two non-methyl alkyl groups are selected from medium and long chain alkyl groups comprising 8 or more carbon atoms, and (c) a benzalkonium halide or an aryl ring substituted benzalkonium halide; and

(ii) at least one compound having a low surface tension of from 8 to 14 mN/m and selected from the group consisting of silanes, soya lecithins, polydimethylsiloxanes, polydimethylhydroxysiloxanes, and mixtures thereof, wherein in use the anti-microbial composition acts substantially to reduce or control the formation of microbial colonies on or at a surface to which the composition is applied.